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September 1, 2016

[name]  
[address]  
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RE: **US Army Reserve Center, 1625 Berks Road**

Dear [name],

As you may know, Worcester Township has been in discussion with the US Army to acquire the former US Army Reserve Center on Berks Road. The US Army has agreed to transfer the 19-acre property to the Township at no cost, provided this property is used for recreational purposes. The property is shown on the enclosed map.

Before taking ownership of the property the Township conducted a number of inspections and investigations of the property, including groundwater sampling, in order to identify any potential environmental impacts. These test results appear to show that preflourinated compounds, including PFOA and PFOS, may have impacted the groundwater. PFOA and PFOS were once commonly used in fire-fighting activities, and are the same chemicals as those found at other Department of Defense properties in recent months. An overview of PFOA and PFOS, and its presence in the environment, as prepared by the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), is enclosed for your reference.

Please note the test results pertain to groundwater, and not drinking water. Other tests conducted on the drinking water well at the site did not confirm the presence of PFOA or PFOS above the EPA advisory level for drinking water.

While the Township is not the owner of the property, we are writing to you and to other nearby property owners to notify you of this test result. In addition, the Township has contacted the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), and DEP will work with the US Army to address this matter. As the property owner, it is the US Army's responsibility to conduct any additional investigative and remedial activities required by DEP. The Township will monitor the situation to ensure that action is taken promptly, and we will post updates to our website, [worcestertwp.com](http://worcestertwp.com), when they become available.

Please contact me at the Township Building at the below number, by cell at (484) 885-8775, or by e-mail at [tryan@worcestertwp.com](mailto:tryan@worcestertwp.com), should you have any questions, require additional information or if I can be of further assistance before this time.

Sincerely,

Tommy Ryan.  
Township Manager.

CC: Worcester Township Board of Supervisors  
US Representative Patrick Meehan  
State Senator John Rafferty  
State Representative Matt Bradford  
Montgomery County Board of Commissioners  
Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection  
US Army